

cluding receipts and expenditures, with all necessary suggestions, to the National Conference, which shall inspect or cause said report to be carefully inspected.

SEC. 3. The funds for this work shall consist of bequests, free-will offerings, money received on life interests, sale of publications, and special collections in all the churches, to be taken quarterly.

SEC. 4. Each church shall be allowed to draw any of the publications, through her pastor, equal in value to one-half the sum paid in during the year. All claims for publications not presented during the year shall expire October 1st for the year.

SEC. 5. Any person paying, or obligating himself or herself to pay the sum of twenty or more dollars as a life membership, shall be entitled to draw publications annually to the amount of one dollar for each twenty dollars contributed.

SEC. 6. All expenses incident to the proper prosecution of the work shall be paid out of the funds collected.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. All meetings of the Board shall be opened with devotional services.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Board shall consist of a chairman, secretary and treasurer, who shall be members of the Board, and shall be chosen by ballot at the regular meeting of the Board to be held annually at such time and place as the committee may determine. The officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors have been elected. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be filled by the same person, if desired by the Board.

SEC. 3. Extra or special meetings may be called by the chairman and secretary, or any three members of the Board, and ten days previous notice of extra or special meetings shall be given to each member of the Board.

SEC. 4. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board, shall be entitled to vote upon all questions before the Board, shall decide all questions of order, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board.

SEC. 6. The secretary shall keep and record in the minute book correct minutes of all the proceedings of the Board; conduct its correspondence, give written notices to members, of the meetings; make reports to the National Conference of the church, as required by the constitution; take charge of and file all letters, reports, statements, and other documents pertaining to the business of the Board.

SEC. 7. The treasurer shall receive all funds belonging to the corporation, shall have the care and custody of the same, and shall expend and pay out same under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 8. These By-Laws or any part of them may be suspended, repealed or amended at any regular meeting of the Board by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fifths of its members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional services.
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
3. Secretary's and treasurer's report.
4. Election of officers.
5. Report of special committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New and miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

The committee made all the necessary arrangements for its incorporation giving name, purpose of formation, principal business office, term to exist, etc.

On motion, the chairman and secretary were instructed to procure books and notes necessary to conduct the business of the institution.

On motion, the following address, to the Brethren church was adopted and ordered to be published in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST:

To the General Brotherhood, Greeting:—The National Conference held at Warsaw, Ind., Aug. 23—27, 1892 laid upon the undersigned committee the important duty of providing suitable literature for our Sabbath School work, and for general missionary purposes. Especially were we required to provide and issue tracts as early as possible, setting forth the doctrine and practice of the Brethren church. At all times in the history of a religious denomination the necessity for an abundant supply and a general distribution of strong distinctive literature is vital and imperative. To a much greater extent is this true during the formative period of a church when it is defining its principles, and laying its foundations. On account of the distinctive and exceptional nature of our doctrinal and ecclesiastical system, the most pressing and general work of the church for many years to come, if not for all time, will be educative and missionary. A glance at the present status of the Brethren church should inspire us with new courage, and rouse us to the greatest exertions in its behalf. Everywhere opposition is giving way. Everywhere success attends the labors of our pastors and evangelists. From all directions the most urgent calls are coming for those labors, and especially for the authorized publications of the church, setting forth its doctrines and practices. To meet this great want was the anxious desire of the National Convention. It was felt that if we could be supplied with strong tracts, and other suitable church literature, we could greatly multiply our labors and extend in all direction the bounds of our fraternity. Your committee is deeply sensible of the great responsibility resting upon it to provide and distribute such literature as will properly represent the church, and thoroughly set forth the doctrine of Christ. But we can only do what the brethren and sisters enable us to do by their moral and material support. Knowing your great readiness and cheerful liberality in every good word and work, we feel that it is only necessary to present to you the objects and plans of your committee in order to receive your confidence and aid. A careful reading of our

constitution as published above will give you this information. We have already been promised liberal donations, and trust that the endowment of our work will rapidly increase. All endowment funds and life membership fees will be most carefully invested by the committee and the proceeds used to forward its purposes. We make a special appeal to all the pastors of the brotherhood to adopt the recommendation of your committee relative to quarterly collections for the Book and Tract work and suggest that fifth Sundays of each quarter be set apart for this collection. Will you not present to your people, earnestly and lovingly, the great importance and usefulness of this work, and regularly, as above stated, afford opportunity for the liberality of God's people.

We also invite our young people's societies to become our special agents to raise money for our committee, and distribute our publications. Will the young people please take notice?

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the name of our beloved brotherhood which we hope, and expect to see enlarged far beyond its present bounds, we appeal to the brethren and sisters everywhere to remember this great work in their prayers and offerings, and to bear up the hands of your servants for Christ's sake.

A. D. GNAGEY, Chairman.
J. M. OLINGER, Secretary.
B. C. MOOMAW.
J. H. KNEPPER.

BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD AT MEYERSDALE, OCT. 4—5, 1892.

In response to the call of the executive committee, the Brethren Sunday School Convention of Pennsylvania, met at Meyersdale, Oct. 4—5, 1892. The convention was called to order at 2 p. m., by the vice chairman, J. L. Kimmel. The opening services, consisting of song, reading of God's Word, and of prayer, was led by J. D. McFaden.

The chairman appointed Dr. U. M. Beachly, Albert Trent and Mrs. A. Seibert, a committee on permanent organization. Following is the report: Moderator, J. H. Knepper, Ass't. moderator, J. D. McFaden, secretary, A. D. Gnagey ass't secretary, Mrs. D. J. Bole, treasurer, Jacob Furry.

The report was accepted and the officers elected. After a few brief appropriate remarks, the moderator entered upon the work of the convention.

Address of welcome. Emma Gnagey. Responses by Z. H. Copp, J. B. Wampler, J. Murray, S. J. Giffin, D. J. Bole, J. H. Knepper, Mrs. D. Bole, R. Z. Replogle and Aaron Stutzman.

On motion, the courtesies of the convention were extended to all Sunday School workers.

The chairman appointed the following committees:

Queries. D. J. Bole, Sarah Cabaugh and Hiram Goebenour.

Enrollment: R. Z. Replogle, J. L. Kimmel, Annie Erskine.

A motion to enroll all Sunday School workers, and distinguish between delegates and those not delegates, carried.

Topic for Discussion: Lesson Helps—Their Use and Abuse. Discussed by J. B. Wampler, S. J. Giffin, B. C. Moomaw, R. Z. Replogle, and a number of others. In the discussion on this topic the fact was made clear that the Brethren church needs lesson helps of her own. Among the abuses of helps were mentioned:

- Not to use them at all.
- Depending entirely on them.
- Confining too closely to the questions.
- Not using the Bible in the class.

Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION. TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 4.

Devotional services were led by J. M. Murray. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Topic for Discussion: What Constitutes True Success in the Sunday School? Albert Trent read a paper on this subject, which will appear in the EVANGELIST. Further discussed by J. L. Kimmel and B. C. Moomaw.

Queries: No. 1. Should queries be assigned to different members of the Sunday School? J. B. Wampler. Yes, if they are Bible questions.

No. 2. Relating to Sunday School music, answered by J. M. Murray.

No. 3. How should a lesson be taught so as to get the best results? Albert Trent. Prepare the lesson well, make it your own, then study your pupils, their mental capacity, their characteristics, etc.

The committee on enrollment reported one hundred strangers in attendance, about twenty-five of whom were delegates.

The moderator appointed J. C. Mackey, W. A. Seibert and Minnie Crofford, a committee on tabulated statement.

A very interesting and instructive paper, entitled, Teaching versus Preaching was read by Miss Grace Beachly. It was ordered for publication in the EVANGELIST.

Topic for Discussion: Some Week Day Agencies of the Sunday School. D. J. Bole read a paper on this subject, which was ordered for publication in the EVANGELIST. Further discussed by R. Z. Replogle, Albert Trent, Z. H. Copp, W. L. Spanogle, S. B. Furry and B. C. Moomaw. Among other agencies were mentioned:

- Prayer and careful study.
- Family intercourse—talk about the lesson.
- Business intercourse.
- Social intercourse.
- Visit pupils, write them letters, speak to them on the street, recognize them when you meet them.
- Teacher's meeting.

A collection was lifted which amounted to \$7.29.

THIRD SESSION, WEDNESDAY FORENOON, OCT. 5.

Opening services were conducted by J. C. Mackey.

Report of treasurer:

Received by collection, \$ 7.29
Received from schools, etc., 12.75

Total, \$20.04

Treasurer was ordered to purchase a book and transcribe former reports, and hand the balance in the treasury to the treasurer of the church convention.

Topic for Discussion: The Management of the Sunday School. J. G. Snider read a paper on the subject which will appear in the EVANGELIST. Further discussed by Hiram Goebenour and J. C. Cassel.

Queries: No. 4. Should the superintendent review each Sunday School lesson after the school has recited it? J. D. McFaden. A brief, pointed review will impress, and clinch what the school had "gone over."

What would you do with the one bad boy with which each class is provided—the boy who urges the others to mischief? W. L. Spanogle. First be thankful that there is only one bad boy, and then set to work to reform him.

How should Sunday School close? J. D. McFaden. With the Lord's Prayer or passages of Scripture.

What is the best method of raising money in the Sunday School? D. J. Bole. Use the envelop system—let each scholar deposit something.

Report of schools. Twenty-one schools were reported as follows.

Name of Church	Scholars.	Teachers.	Average Attend.	Collection.	Average Collec'd
Pike	70	4	46	\$9.95	\$.39
Johnstown	160	13	92	132.05	2.54
Conemaugh	80	6	65	40.06	.77
Rosedale	104	5	42	21.96	.48
Pittsburg	—	8	104	208.30	4.00
Meyersdale	100	8	82	102.49	2.01
N. Enterprise	80	10	55	40.00	.79
Vinco	67	7	53	50.00	1.47
Philadelphia	100	15	81	101.56	1.95
Berlin	52	8	38	33.80	.65
Summit Mills	77	4	54	22.45	.62
Home	40	5	28	6.33	.10
Valley	60	6	45	7.09	.27
McKees	60	4	53	29.77	.83
Mt. Union	44	4	24	6.36	.26
Blanco	75	5	44	4.42	.33
Cow'nshano'k	115	7	36	8.77	.32
Brush Valley	80	5	50	—	—
Griffin	60	5	35	10.59	.22
Maitland	40	5	35	13.00	.50
Bridgeport	82	8	60	12.00	.21
Total	1546	142	—	860.45	—

The summary is the report of a committee appointed on tabulated statement, with the officers omitted, 117. The apparent discrepancy between the collection and the average collection, is accounted for by the fact that some schools are open only nine months, others six months.

A call from Johnstown for next convention was accepted.

Topic for Discussion: The Superintendent's Questions from the Desk. J. A. Miller read a paper on this subject which will appear in the EVANGELIST. It was the sentiment of the convention that five or six minutes review of the former lesson would prove interesting and profitable.

A committee of three, J. D. McFaden, Wm. Mengas and Joshua Long, was appointed to act in harmony with a similar committee to be appointed by the church convention, to draw up resolutions. After a few brief remarks by W. L. Spanogle, W. A. Adams, Z. H. Copp, S. J. Giffin, the convention adjourned to meet at the call of the executive committee.

A. D. GNAGEY, Sec'y.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ILLIKOTA CONVENTION.

—HELD AT—

Lanark, Ill., Oct. 3d and 4th, 1892.

Continued.

"Church Organization and Discipline," Z. T. Livengood and H. R. Holsinger.

The following paper was read by Z. T. Livengood, and then considered:

CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE.

You will notice that we have before us two topics for discussion: that of Church Organization and that of Church Discipline.

It is one thing to be a church in the eyes of the laws of the country, another to be a church in the estimation of God. We take it for granted that we are to present the arguments, keeping in view not so much the "Law of the Land," as the "Law of God."

The first indispensable requisite to organize a Christian church is to have believers, and two or more true believers in Christ, who have been baptized according to the commission given by the Savior, united together, practicing, and promulgating Christ's doctrines constitute a church.

If believers are the material out of which churches are organized, and not all persons are such; the question of making believers is the predominating one. The apostle says: "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall he preach unless he be sent." Romans 10; 14, 15.